

Building a Single Point of Entry

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Discussion Topics

- **What is EPS?**
- **History of Federal Electronic Commerce**
- **Development of EPS**
- **Section 850**
- **Future of EPS**
- **Opportunities for EC Vendors**



What is EPS

The Electronic Posting System is a program that enables:

- **Vendors interested in selling to the Federal Government to find announcements of Federal Business opportunities and download related documents**
- **Government Buyers to post announcements of Federal Business opportunities and upload solicitation documents to the Internet.**



Federal EC Evolution

- **FACNET**
- **CBDNET**
- **Agency Web Servers**
- **Commercial Services**
- **Electronic Posting System (EPS)**



FACNET

- **Initiated by the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA) October, 1994**
- **Built on Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Technology**
- **Works well for high volume, low dollar transactions**
- **Implementation did not meet expectations**
- **GAO Report to Congress – Acquisition Reform, Obstacles to Implementing the Federal Acquisition Computer Network**




CBDNET

- Instituted by the U.S. Department of Commerce
- Designed and operated by the Government Printing Office (GPO)
- Built on Wide Area Information Server (WAIS) Text Database and CGI Technology
- Provided convenient Internet access to all notices published in the CBD

Netscape: Search the CBD via GPO Access

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Netsite: <http://cbdnet.access.gpo.gov/search1.html> What's Rel



CBDNet

Search the CBD via *GPO Access*

CBDNet	Simple-Search	Fielded-Search	Extract	Browse	Search-Help
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You can also search *CBDNet* using an optional [frames interface](#).
[Basic instructions and important notes](#)

Attention: [New Search Capability](#) in the CBD Database **NEW!!**



Agency Web Servers

- Very easy to set up
- Very accessible to the public
- Very flexible and powerful
- Over 400 servers set up

Netscape: Acquisition Opportunities - Federal Acquisition and Procurement Opportunities

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Netsite: <http://www.arnet.gov/AcqOpp/AcqOpp.html> What's Rel.

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Genesis of EPS

- **Interagency Acquisition Internet Council (IAIC) formed in March, 1996**
- **Reviewed existing posting applications**
- **Selected NASA NAIS as a model**
- **GSA designed and deployed pilot EPS application**



Current EPS Agencies

- **General Services Administration**
- **National Aeronautics & Space Administration**
- **U.S. Air Force**
- **Department of Transportation**
- **Department of Commerce**
- **Department of Treasury**
- **Department of Veterans Affairs**

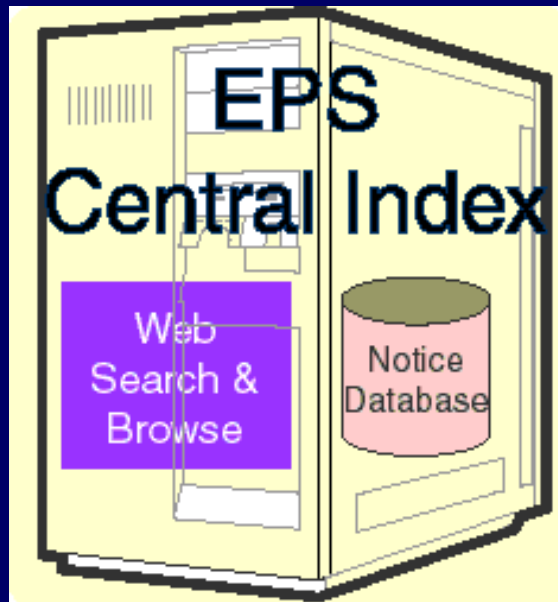


EPS Design Objectives

- **Convenient, Universal Access**
- **Modular, Object Oriented**
- **Integrate rather than replace**
- **Inter-operate with related applications**
- **Commercial model**



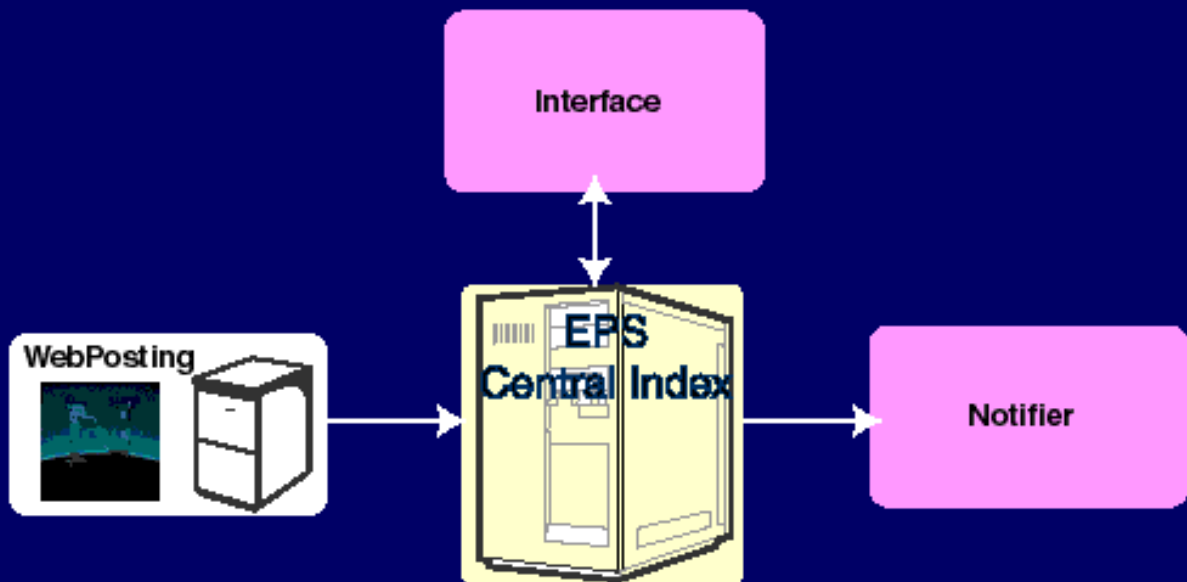
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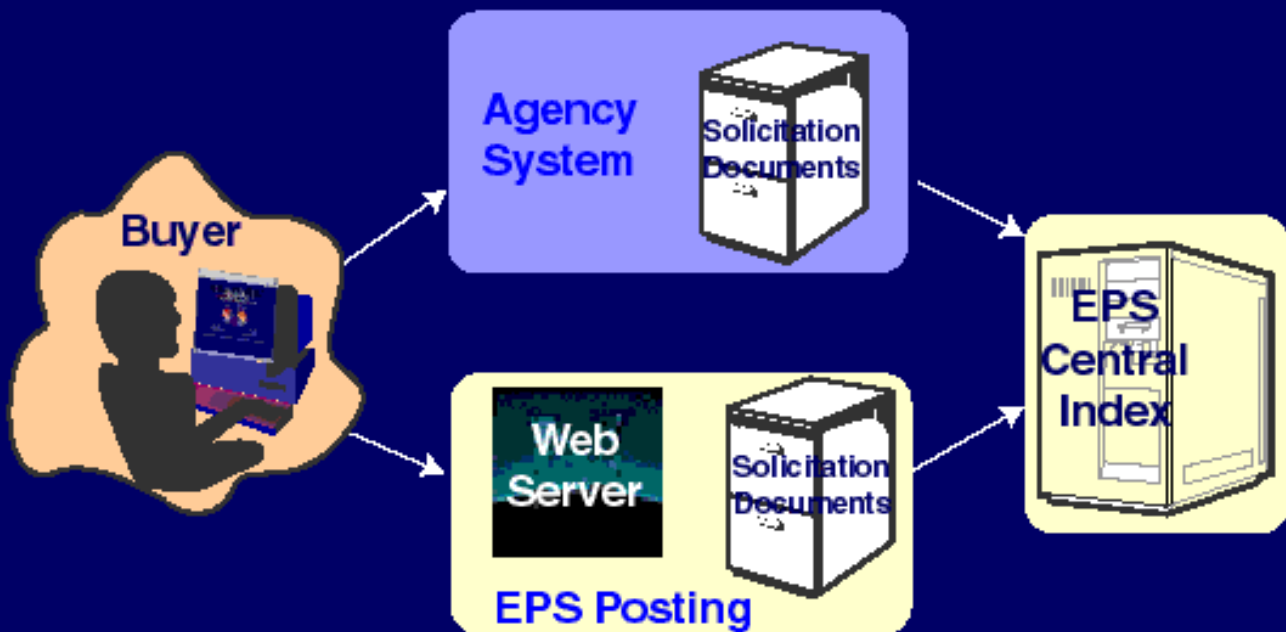
Current Modules





EPS Is Modular

Posting Options





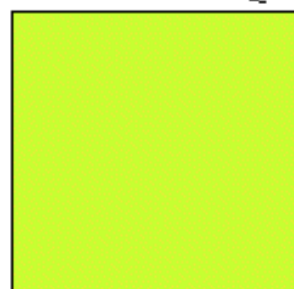
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POSTING Federal Agencies/Departments



**Department of Defense
DoDBusOpps.com**



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Section 850

- **Electronic Commerce in Procurement Act – Defense Authorization Act, 1997**
- **Broadened Definition of Electronic Commerce**
- **Repealed the linkage of FACNET to Simplified Acquisition Threshold**
- **Required agencies to consider FACNET when developing EC strategy**
- **Mandated Annual Report to Congress**
- **Mandated Designation of a Single Point of Entry**



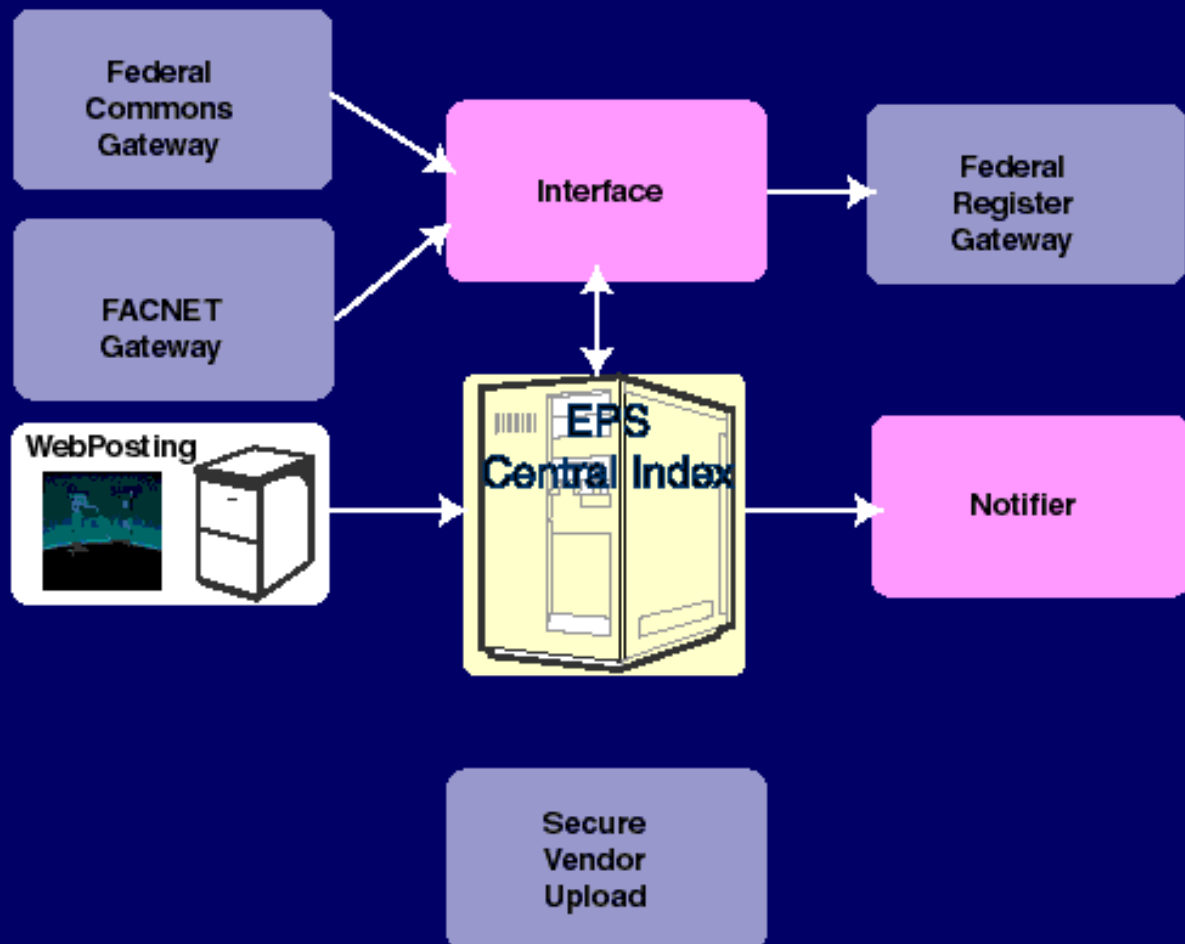
Future of EPS

- **Implementation of Additional Departments/Agencies**
- **Possible Designation as Federal Single Point of Entry**
- **Additional Functionality**
- **Commercialization**



EPS Is Modular

Planned EPS Modules





Opportunities for EC Vendors

- **Run EPS Central Index**
- **Posting services**
- **Notification services**
- **EDI services**
- **Procurement writing/evaluation interconnection**
- **Etc.**



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